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Amendments to the Description

Please replace the paragraph commencing at page 23, line 13, with the following re-written paragraph.

I (--Figure 13 shows the sequence of the rabbit LIPG PCR product (RLLG.SEQ, SEQ ID NO: 12 11) and the sequence alignment between the rabbit LIPG PCR product and the corresponding sequence in the human cDNA (LLG7742A) (SEQ ID NO: 7). Identical nucleotides are shaded.--